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The Southern Republican Problem.

The President, it is announced, is giving attention to political conditions in the south. He wants to see his party grow down there, and he wants to contribute to such an end. He has an idea that "ple-hunting" is the bane of the present republican organizations in that section. He insists, therefore, that something far higher than that be made the spur of activity. He wants platforms drawn, candidates for state and national offices nominated, and campaigns vigorously conducted. In that way, and in that way alone, is there hope, as he views the matter, of breaking the one-party power that has for so long a time prevailed in that quarter.

Several years ago, The Star, in some comments on the failure of the Virginia repubconduct campaigns, pointed out the unwisdom of such a policy. The opinion was expressed then that only through ceaseless and earnest endeavor could a political organization be kept in good fighting trim and in the way of deserving and ultimately achieving success. To this there came the reply from those who felt themselves under fire that in the existing conditions it was useless to contest for the offices: that the election laws as framed and administered made republican success impossible. Why, it was asked, put up candidates and spend money on them when their canvasses

were absolutely hopeless from the outset? This was no adequate reply then, and it has less force today. New election laws based upon a limited suffrage are now in operation in several of the southern states, and they should be thoroughly tested. The republicans should put candidates in the field everywhere, if for no other purpose than to show who may vote, and what basis there was for the claim that the negro as a voter was a clog upon the republican coach. The negro has now been have come to the republican party as the result of it?

far as it goes. But it does not go to the root of the trouble. There will be no republican party in the south while the south's representation in Congress and in the electoral college remains upon an unconstitutional basis. There is an adage which says that you cannot have your cake and eat it. Southern politicians have disproved this so far as the negro is concerned. They have him here in Congress. and they eat him at home. He isn't permitted to vote for even a dog law in Louisiana, but Louisiana votes him here upon questions of the highest moment to the whole country and when it comes to the election of a President of the United States. The republican leaders in Congress lack the courage of their convictions.

... They Are Seven.

A populist state convention in session in Kansas with only seven members pres- McLean and Kilbourne forces? Will it give ent? How are the mighty fallen! Think of the days when Mr. Peffer, Mrs. Lease, Jerry Simpson, and others held the people of that state spellbound with eloquent dissertations upon real government of the peoof the enormous crowds which assembled at every place where a meeting had been advertised. Think of the long processions of men and women that filled the big roads and sang songs in praise of the new order they were to inaugurate all over the counlic career they brought to a close. Think of ures. The glance backward is but a short dwindled to seven, and some difficulty encountered in organizing the seven!

celebrities before the popular gaze, the task | ruling class. of heightening agreeable traits and softening defects was easy. The ordinary photograph is more candid, but is still amenable to artistic interpretation. The snap-shot picture, however, has the disagreeable habit of catching its subject at the greatest possible disadvantage, and it is doubtful whether a man who has so distinguished himself would not display wisdom in lending himself freely and with as good a grace as possible to the artist whose friendly intentions are backed with a reasonable degree of skill. There is no use in defying the photographer. The best plan is to sacrifice

Now that Mr. Morgan is home again, the usual curiosity as to what he will do next

is manifested. Under Croker's administration Tammany

was not accustomed to squander valuable energy in calling names.

A "Green Goods" Gang Caught. The "green goods" game is one of the most offensive swindles ever devised to separate the credulous from their money, yet it has never aroused any marked degree of popular indignation. This is because the victim in the case is always himself a would-be swindler and deserves no sympathy whatever when he is caught for a heavy loss. Nevertheless, the game is a vicious one and deserves to be frustrated whenever possible, and to this end the energies of police and secret service agents are constantly bent, with occasional success. Yesterday in New York a gang of six persons was captured, together with the entire "plant" of the game, consisting of circulars, letters, bogus newspaper clippings, addresses, miniature trunks in in this as in other departments of sport. The Englishmen were faced by several men by the victim, and the neat slips of green of perhaps greater skill in some features paper to fool the eyes of the intending passer of counterfeit money. The haul is

has been taken with the operators. This game has been exposed so many times that it is a marvel victims continue to be found for its workers. There is probably not a community of any size in the United States in which the full story of the swindle in all its details has not been told dozens of times. Yet the sharpers continue to lure their victims on to the large cities from the rural and even the urban regions with surprising regularity. The fraud is neatly practiced. The appeal is so personal, so flattering. The man has been selected from a long list of persons on account of his standing in the community, his shrewdness and his known capacity for transacting delicate operations. Imposing special confidence in him, the correspondents apto lure their victims on to the large cities from the rural and even the urban regions

regarded as exceptionally important, inas-

much as it is the first time an entire outfit

proach him assured of his discretion and than ever before. The attendance at the hopeful of his co-operation. The faked newspaper story of the theft or accidental finding of genuine government money plates in an artistic out of imitative lithography, and despite the flagrancy of the fraud, the improbability of the proposition to place money just as good as genuine in the hands of strangers when the makers might themselves pass it at its face value, now and then a hungry man bites at the bait and is lost.

A few years ago a Texan who had been invited to New York to be fleeced, but who was familiar with the game, undertook to seize the genuine money which is usually shown to the victim by the sharpers before it was replaced in the receptacle by the "green goods" of the commerce. In the ensuing fracas he shot and killed one of the principals of the game and was later released because of the sentiment which prevalled that the dead man had got only his just deserts and society was well rid of him. In consequence of this tragedy the green goods game was even more widely exploited than ever, and it seemed as though there was no possible excuse for its further existence. But according to the police reports there is no sign that the lure has lost its ... arm for rural speculators. A few more captures like that of yesterday, however, and the game will hardly be worth the candle, especially if the courts administer justice with a heavy hand to these swindlers.

Tom Johnson's Turn. This is Tom Johnson's year to tackle the republicans in Ohio. The buckeye democrats are rich in leaders, but unfortunately licans to make nominations regularly and | for the party they do not dwell together in unity. They fight each other quite as energetically as ever they do the common enemy. The result of course is greatly to the liking of the enemy. When John R. Mc-Lean is in control of the organization, Tom Johnson's interest is far from intense. When Tom Johnson controls, Mr. McLean's interest is not at all riotous. And when Col. Kilbourne controls, neither Mr. McLean nor Mr. Johnson loses a wink of sleep from over-anxiety. Both Mr. McLean and Col. Kilbourne have taken a sound beating at the polls. Will Mr. Johnson as commanderin-chief meet with a similar fate?

Mr. Johnson this year will not, as his two rivals did when they challenged the enemy, head a state ticket. But he will control the state convention next month and write the platform. That will make him the leader for the campaign and put the responsibility on him. Will he succeed in getting more voters to the polls than his rivals did when they were in charge? The returns will be interesting from that viewpoint. If he does, it is scarcely necessary to say that there will be some excuse for crowing on his disfranchised, and how many white recruits part, and that he will be likely to improve the occasion. He has a strong voice, and he believes in himself.

As was pointed out in The Star's Cleveland letter yesterday, interest attaches to the platform which Mr. Johnson will present. A very rich man himself, he takes the ground that wealth does not pay its share of taxes. He has the great railroad corporations particularly in view. He wants to "go after them," and first and last to set things in general right. He was at one time a follower of Henry George. He has since been a follower of Mr. Bryan. He was when in Congress a pronounced free trader. Shall we find in the coming deliverance as much of his well known principles as may be available for use in a lecal campaign? Will he give indication of what we may expect if fortune in the next two years should bring him forward for national honors? He has high ambition, and money to support it. And, not to speak the republicans of the state, how will such a platform if forthcoming strike the them an additional excuse for indifference?

Tsi An's Vengeance. Unless maligned by the news reports Tsi An, the dowager empress of China, is unreple, by the people, and for the people. Think generate. Her hatred of all reformers continues unabated. She has just secretly ordered the death, according to a dispatch from Shanghai to London, of Kung Yu Wei, who was responsible for the mental attitude of the emperor during the brief period of his pro-western views. Kung Yu Wei try. Think of the brilliant man whose pub- fled the country when the palace revolution checked his work and made the emperor a Mr. Ingalls as the shining mark for those prisoner in a pagoda in the innermost rewho had tired of both of the old parties and cesses of the imperial gardens. He was had organized for new men and new meas- in Hawaii for a time and came even as far as San Francisco, forwarding the reform one, and yet here we find that great host propaganda and making converts from the old celestial order among the Chinamen in the islands and on the Pacific coast. Later he returned to China under the promise of The snapshot photographer has placed a amnesty and virtually under the protection serious problem before the public men of of the foreign powers. It would be a sad today. No amount of intellectual superior- blow to the progress of China if he were ity can render a man quite oblivious to the | now killed by order of the court, for China consideration of personal appearance. When seriously needs just such men to counterthe portrait painter was the sole personage | act the influence of the reactionary element who assumed to place the lineaments of both in the population at large and in the

The demand for Cuban tobacco of the better grades is expected to far exceed the supply next week. If Cuba could turn its sugar cane farms into tobacco plantations it might proceed in comparative indifference to the tariff.

Even if Mr. Schwab should decide to retire he would not be an object of sympathy. He has been drawing a salary which would certainly enable him to lay aside something for a rainy day.

When a New York theater sells for \$2, diffidence and make his surreptitious attacks | 000,000 the playgoer should not be surprised if the price of admission goes to pay rent rather than to securing meritorious performances.

> General Funston is said to have a lively appreciation of humor. But Mark Twain's efforts to be funny at his expense probably do not appeal to him.

> When the figures handled by some of the big corporations are remembered, a "bil-Hon dollar Congress" seems a comparatively modest affair.

General Jake Smith holds to the theory of cold-blooded discipline, even when he himself is the object of its rigors.

Tennis. The Doherty brothers, English tennis experts, will return home with new honors. They have beaten the best Americans who have gone against them at the several tournaments thus far held for their participation and the international tennis championship belongs once more to England. This is disappointing to Americans, who had hoped to establish a western supremacy of the game. They were not, as a rule, so brilliant in their play as some of their opponents, did not smash so hard or serve so ably on occasions. But what won them their games, sets and matches was their superior steadiness, their ability to smash accurately, to serve with regular precision and to play with as great strength in the final and deciding game of the set as in the first. Indeed, they seemed to improve as the sets progressed and to play an uphill game with greater confidence than their

tournaments was large and the news of the play has been closely watched in many places. This is coincidental with the revival of the game as a sport outside of championship circles. Courts long overgrown with grass have been restored this year and new ones have been laid out in the suburbs of all of the large cities. Dealers in sporting goods report that the demand for the tennis supplies is unprecedented. Certain makes of goods cannot be had locally at all, so inadequate is the supply. One explanation is that there is a record-breaking exportation of tennis goods to Germany, where the game has become suddenly popular, and to Australia. American goods, it appears, have the call on the market.

The game owes its revival, doubtless in a large measure, to the popularity of ping pong, which is merely tennis on a small scale. For perhaps half a dozen years the tennis player has been eclipsed by the golfer in America, while in England, where fads are less violent than here, the two games have gone on with their normal popularity, even as cricket is played year after year and decade after decade despite the advent of new games. Tennis has its special attractions for some lovers of outdoor exercise, notably the demand which it makes upon muscular energy, fineness of vision and quickness of judgment. While too violent an exercise for some, it is an admirable game for the active young man or woman. It has its attractions, too, as a spectacle despite the comparative sameness of the plays. The competition between the contestants is intense and demands the closest attention and evokes frequent enthusiasms on the part of those who know the game in its details and appreciate the requirements of good play.

Lady Raglan's exhibition of her coronation robes at thrippence a look gratified a general and not unwholesome curiosity, secured a goodly sum for charitable purposes and did no real harm. If some of the American gentlemen who have attended court functions in knee breeches could be persuaded to adopt a similar course the cause of philanthropy would be greatly assisted. Lady Raglan has set an example whose results will be awaited with especial interest on this side.

Governor Odell says he is not one of those who believe that all the acts of corporations are right. This is the first intimation that any one existed who regarded corporations as morally infallible.

Russell Sage recently gave the children of his native town a wholesale holiday treat. And his generosity is the more creditable because he was not running for office.

The young King of Spain, instead of taxing himself too seriously, seems to be in danger of going to the other extreme.

Oom Paul, like many other popular heroes, is compelled to realize that fame's favors are often very perishable gifts.

When a man has to work hard enough to earn a million dollars a year he is certainly entitled to a vacation.

SHOOTING STARS.

An Apprehension.

"It's terrible to be sleepy so much o' de time," said Meandering Mike. "Why don't you go to sleep?" rejoined Plodding Pete. "You might as well." "Dat's where you're wrong. If dere is anyt'ing I dreads, it's goin' to sleep. I

"Some folks," said Uncle Eben, "takes credit foh bein' patient, when dey is simply takin' life easy an' showin' sense enough not to interfere wif de folks dat does de

might dream I was workin'."

An Obsolete Idea.

"My dear," said the gentleman with goldrimmed glasses, "can you recite 'Mary Had

a Little Lamb?" "No," answered the little girl who also wore gold-rimmed glasses. "The poem has little or no literary value and its spirit is contrary to our modern institutions. Since the organization of the meat trust, Mary would be lucky to get a chop, without assuming proprietorship of the entire ani-

An Autumn Relief.

When autumn comes and cools us off We'll smile and say "Hurrah!" Since men and horses both may doff Those comic hats of straw.

A Fair Philosopher.

"And you really think that the ignorant may be successful in life?" said the man who enjoys abstruse discussion. "Certainly," answered Miss Cayenne;

"the man who thoroughly believes in himself has a great advantage. And self-esteem is frequently based on the grossest sort of ignorance.'

The Arrival of J. P. Morgan.

No band is waiting at the pier Heroic harmonies to raise; There is no gilded charioteer To guide him through the city's maze.

No crown is glittering o'er his brow. To mark him ruler of the map, And bid the people pause and bow:

He wears a modest yachting cap. No jeweled scepter does he clasp To warn us that we must not lag In homage; what his hand doth grasp

And yet he has a certain air; To read it none are at a loss, As if 'twere writ in letters fair, It tells the world that he is boss.

Is but a simple traveling bag.

Restoration of the Drowned. From the New York World.

For the second time this season there is reported the resuscitation of a person who had been under water far beyond the period ordinarily set down as surely fatal. In the more recent case a fifteen-year-old girl lay at the bottom of a stream for twenty minutes, her hands firmly clasping a root. This disposes of the encyclopedic authority who remarks wisely that in such an instance of retained vitality "it is to be presumed that the immersion has not been complete. Immersion for from one to two minutes produces what may be fatal asphyxiation in the ordinary man. Trained divers resist the suffocating process much longer, of course, and dogs have remained active four minutes under test. Experiences in the revival of persons taken from the water differ greatly, some of those who have been immersed the longest being soonest responsive to treatment. It not infrequently happens that death in the water results from a state of syncope induced by the shock of the sudden peril. On the For the second time this season there is quently happens that death in the water results from a state of syncope induced by the shock of the sudden peril. On the other hand, this very condition, by preventing the involuntary action which draws water into the lungs, may play the part of a life-saver. At any rate, drowning in its first stages is merely a suspending of animation. It involves no vital injury. The two cases of restoration after long periods here referred to should furnish a fresh impulse, if any is needed, to work over every victim of the water so long as hope has the least thread of reason to cling to.

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SECOND FLOOR-UNDERMUSLIN DEPT. WOMEN'S IMPORTED ALL-OVER LACE AND LACE-ANKLE LISLE THREAD HOSE; NEW PATTERNS; FULL REGULAR 50c. CHILDREN'S FAST BLACK SEAMLESS COTTON HOSE; 10c. CHILDREN'S IXI AND 2X2 RIBBED FAST BLACK SEAMLESS COTTON HOSE; DOUBLE KNEES, HEELS AND TOES; 12½c.

CHILDREN'S FINE RIBBED LISLE THREAD HOSE; FAST BLACK AND SEAMLESS; SPLICED KNEES, HEELS AND 19c.

WOMEN'S IMPORTED ALL-OVER LACE LISLE THREAD HOSE; FULL REGULAR MADE; HERMSDORF FAST BLACK; IN 39c. HOSIERY DEPARTMENT-FIRST FLOOR-SECTION F. EXTRA INDUCEMENTS IN KNIT UNDERWEAR.

A SPECIAL OFFERING IN WOMEN'S RICH-ELIEU RIBBED VESTS; LACE OPEN-WORK EFFECT; TRIMMED IN PINK, BLUE, LAV-ENDER AND WHITE; LOW NECK AND NO SLEEVES; TAPE NECK AND ARMS. OC. ALSO A SPECIAL LOT OF WOMEN'S VERY FINE RIBBED VESTS; LOW NECK AND NO SLEEVES; LACE TRIMMED AND LACE YOKE; SILK TAPE IN NECK AND ARMS; IN GOLORS OF PINK, BLUE, LAVENDER 19C. WOMEN'S LOW NECK, NO SLEEVES, LISLE THREAD VESTS; FANCY AND PLAIN RIB-BED; CROCHET NECK AND ARMS, AND SILK DRAWING STRINGS. SPECIAL 15C. PRICE.

A SMALL LOT OF WOMEN'S FINE SUM-MER-WEIGHT UNION SUITS; HIGH NECK, SHORT SLEEVES; KNEE LENGTHS; ONEITA SHAPE; SLIGHTLY SOILED. SPE 19C.

WOMEN'S LISLE THREAD UNION SUITS: LOW NECK, NO SLEEVES; LOW NECK, SHORT SLEEVES; KNEE LENGTHS. 49c. CHILDREN'S LOW NECK, NO SLEEVES, RIBBED VESTS; TAPE NECK AND ARMS; FULL BLEACHED. SPECIAL 5C. CHILDREN'S BALBRIGGAN VESTS; LONG AND SHORT SLEEVES; HIGH NECK; 15c.

Another Big List of Good Sellers in Handkerchiefs.

1 LOT OF WOMEN'S FINE CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS, WITH LACE-TRIMMED EDGES; LACE INSERTED CORNERS; EMBROID—5c.
WOMEN'S FINE SWISS CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS; SCALLOPED EMBROIDERED EDGES; ALSO LACE TRIMMED AND 121/c.
LACE INSERTION; CHOICE ASSOCITMENT OF STYLES AND PATTERNS; BIG VALUES AT.
ANOTHER LOT OF VERY FINE SWISS AND FINE IRISH LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS; SCALLOPED EMBROIDERED, HAND-EM-25c.
WOMEN'S FINE WHITE PURE IRISH LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS; HAND-WORK INITIALS, HEMSTITCHED; NICELY LAUN-10c. WOMEN'S ALL-LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, MADE WITH MEXICAN DRAWN-WORK CORNER AND BORDERS; VERY SHEEE 19C. FIRST FLOOR-SECTIONS H AND J.

Good Values for Saturday Ribbon Selling. 3-INCH-WIDE ALL-SILK WHITE FANCY RIBBON; ALL GOOD PATTERNS; VERY DESIRABLE FOR NECKWEAR AND DRESS TRIMMING 9c.
3 AND 4-INCH-WIDE PURE SILK FANCY RIBBON, IN SELF-COLORED AND TWO-TONE EFFECTS; PER YARD 10c.

34-INCH-WIDE PURE WHITE FANCY RIBBON; ALL GOOD PATTERNS, FOR NECK FIXINGS AND WAISTS, AT, PER YARD 15c.

50-YARD SPOOLS OF NO. 1 ALL-SILK SATIN RIBBON, IN A COMPLETE LINE OF GOOD COLORS; ALWAYS 50c.—SPECIAL 39c.

A Big List of Profitable Convincing Items in Housefurnishings. Everyone a Good Snap and Worthy of Grasping. PRESERVING JARS—THE MASON BRAND, THE BEST MADE 14-GAL SIZE, 5c.—1-QT. SIZE, 4c.—PINT SIZE, 34/2c. TWO-QT. GRANTTE IRON TEA POTS: FIRST QUALITY GOODS; WE SELL AT 39c. TOMOR-ROW.—25c.

10-QT. GRANITE IRON DISH PAN; WE SELL FOR 59c. TOMORROW. 39. HOUSEFURNISHING DEPT.-THIRD FLOOR

THE BEST EVIDENCE OF SHOE SELLING These prices are to be your guiding star tomorrow, I

1 LOT OF WOMEN'S \$2.50 AND \$3 OXFORDS; MADE OF THE FINEST KIDSKIN AND PATENT LEATHER, IN BOTH HAND-WELT AND TURNED, IN ALL SIZES, STYLES AND \$1.69

TOMORROW \$2.25
OIL STOVES—THE BRIGHTEST AND BEST;
MADE WITH CASTIRON FOUNT. SELLS AT

1 LOT OF RABY SHOES: 75c. QUALITY: BUTTON OR LACE, CUAL AT COLORS; IN BLACK AND COLORS; A BIG SPE- 25c

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